

**STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
13<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Hillsborough County, Florida**

**BRADY DISCLOSURES RE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

The following are law enforcement officers who have been the subject of allegations of misconduct resulting in a disclosure by the State Attorney's Office pursuant to rule 3.220(b)(4) of the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure or *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83, 83 S.Ct. 1194 (1963), and the substance of the disclosure.

<u>Name of LEO</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Laura Barfield</u>	FDLE	5/24/13

Laura Barfield has resigned from her position as the Alcohol Testing Program Manager with FDLE effective May 24, 2013. Her resignation followed an FDLE Internal Investigation into an allegation of a Violation of Law or Rule, to wit: FDLE Police 1.4 Use of Resources. A copy of her resignation letter, the internal investigation report, and related documentation is available on our website at <http://sao13th.jud/DefenseAttorneys.htm>.

<u>Ryan Krouse</u>	HCSO 59792	7/22/13
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Ryan Krouse, HCSO #59792, was suspended and demoted for untruthfulness during an internal affairs inquiry regarding his conduct at a sports bar on August 26, 2012. Notice of Suspension and Demotion issued September 28, 2012 (HCSO IA# I2012-031).

Raymond Fernandez TPD 42363 7/29/13

The State Attorney's Office has received the attached Nolle Prosequi, Letter to Governor Rick Scott, and Investigative Memorandum prepared by the Office of the State Attorney, 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit, which references Sgt. R. Fernandez of the Tampa Police Department. This letter was dated July 29, 2013. On September 27, 2013, TPD Chief Castor announced that they had found that Fernandez was untruthful and had lied during their investigation and had lied under oath.

Jeannette Hevel TPD 32945 9/27/13

Jeannette Hevel was arrested for Grand Theft on September 27, 2013, and is currently pending possible prosecution.

LaJoyce Houston TPD 44435 10/10/13

ORIGINAL NOTICE:

LaJoyce Houston was arrested on October 10, 2013, and is currently pending prosecution for Food Stamp Fraud and Grand Theft in case number 13-CF-14443.

UPDATE:

LaJoyce Houston was arrested on October 10, 2013, and subsequently charged in case number 13-CF-14443 with Food Stamp Fraud and Grand Theft. On November 26, 2014, the court dismissed case number 13-CF-14443, and LaJoyce Houston is no longer pending prosecution by the State of Florida.

Timothy McGinnis      TPD    50015            7/29/13

The State Attorney's Office has received the attached Nolle Prosequi, Letter to Governor Rick Scott, and Investigative Memorandum prepared by the Office of the State Attorney, 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit, which references Ofc. T. McGinnis of the Tampa Police Department.

Thomas Pettis            HCSO 4765            3/24/14

Thomas Pettis has been charged with one count of battery in Hillsborough County Court, case number 14-CM-004718, and is currently pending prosecution by the State of Florida.

UPDATE:

Thomas Pettis was charged with one count of battery in Hillsborough County Court, case number 14-CM-004718. Pettis has successfully completed the Misdemeanor Intervention Program, and is no longer pending prosecution by the State of Florida.

Eric Houston            TPD    36893            4/8/14

Officer Eric Houston, TPD # 36893, has been put on notice by the Tampa Police Department that he is the subject of an active federal criminal investigation. The State of Florida has confirmed that Houston is the subject of a federal criminal investigation, but no additional information regarding the federal investigation is available at this time.

Matthew Combs

PCPD 270

6/15/14

ORIGINAL NOTICE:

Plant City Police Department Officer Matthew Combs was arrested on June 15, 2014, on one count of Battery. The case is currently under review by the State Attorney's Office for possible criminal prosecution.

UPDATE:

7/25/14

Plant City Police Department Officer Matthew Combs was arrested on June 15, 2014, on one count of Battery, Hillsborough County case number 2014-CM-10229. The case has been reviewed by the State Attorney's Office, and no criminal charges will be filed. A No File was entered on July 25, 2014.

Jacob Palmerton

TTPD 5747

6/26/14

On May 2, 2014, the Temple Terrace Police Department initiated an Internal Affairs investigation in order to determine whether Corporal Jacob Palmerton provided false information to members of the command staff regarding events related to a vehicle pursuit involving another officer which occurred on March 29, 2014. Cpl. Palmerton resigned prior to official notification of rules violations. On June 17, 2014, an allegation of Conduct Unbecoming was sustained; allegations of Untruthfulness and Falsification of Official Documents were not sustained. (TTPD #2014-IA-001).

David D. Martinez      HCSO 4038      7/10/14

Deputy David D. Martinez, HCSO #4038, has been charged with one count of battery in Hillsborough County Court, case number 14-CM-11097, and is currently pending prosecution by the State of Florida.

UPDATE:

David Martinez entered DVIP 11/4/14. He successfully completed DVIP and the case was Nolle Prossed on 7/27/15. He is no longer pending prosecution.

Sarah Hinsz      TPD #41729      12/1/14

Sarah Hinsz, TPD #41729, was arrested on November 27, 2014, in Pasco County, for the charge of Domestic Battery, and is currently pending possible prosecution in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

UPDATE:

On 1/7/15, a no-file was entered in Pasco County case number 512014MM008062A000ES [CTC1408062MMAES]. Sarah Hinsz is no longer pending possible prosecution in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Antwan Nelson      TPD #50931      2/14/14

Officer Antwan Nelson, TPD #50931, was the subject of an internal affairs investigation for unnecessary use of force (TPD IA #14-007), which was sustained.

Officer Nelson was terminated from the Tampa Police Department on February 15, 2015.

Jesus Calderon HCSO #4169 2/6/15

Jesus Calderon, HCSO#4169, was the subject of an administrative investigation unrelated to any case. Allegations of Failure to Report a Motor Vehicle Crash, Falsification of Official Documents, and Untruthfulness were sustained. He resigned in lieu of dismissal on February 6, 2015. The HCSO IA report number is 02014-192.

Jason Connell HCSO #3435 5/5/15

Jason Connell, HCSO #3435, has been charged with DUI in the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, Hernando County, Case #2015-CT-1108, and is currently pending prosecution.

Michael Tinney USF #454 5/14/15

On January 30, 2015, USF Police Officer Michael P. Tinney became the subject of an IA investigation involving allegations of untruthfulness, conduct unbecoming a public employee, tortious acts, neglect of duty, and processing money, property and evidence. All of the alleged violations were sustained, and Officer Tunney resigned effective April 23, 2015. The Internal Affairs investigation number is IA2015-001.

Charles Brian Boswell HCSO #3260 8/20/15

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) has imposed disciplinary sanctions against Deputy Charles Brian Boswell, HCSO #3260, in HCSO investigation number I2015-005 and HCSO investigation number I2015-011.

In I2015-005, allegations were sustained for Compliance with Direct Order of a Superior; Discourtesy; and Conduct Unbecoming an Officer. A demotion and a five day

suspension were imposed. The reasons for this disciplinary action by HCSO are as follows: After Master Detective Boswell was reassigned from the Homicide Section to the Juvenile Section on January 6, 2014, he was directed by Major Ura to conduct all suspect interviews with another detective present, to audio record all interviews and advise the suspect of Miranda rights. On February 2, 2015, Boswell conducted an audio recorded interview with a suspect, failed to advise the suspect of Miranda rights, and went off tape during the interview, in contradiction of Major Ura's order. On February 4, 2015, while presenting the case to the State Attorney's Office, Boswell displayed unprofessional and disrespectful behavior.

In I2015-011, an allegation was sustained for Compliance with a Direct Order of a Superior. A three day suspension was imposed. The reason for this disciplinary action by HCSO is as follows: After Master Detective Boswell was reassigned from the Homicide Section to the Juvenile Section on January 6, 2014, he was directed by Major Ura to conduct all suspect interviews with another detective present and to audio record all interviews. On January 23, 2014, Boswell conducted an interview of a suspect without another detective present and failed to audio record the entire interview, in contradiction of Major Ura's direct order.

Scott McComber      TTPD #9861      9/9/15

Scott McComber, TTPD #9861, was the subject of an internal affairs investigation pertaining to his arrest of a defendant on July 14, 2015. McComber arrested the defendant for charges of Resisting an Officer without Violence and Disorderly Conduct, case number 2015-CM-11010 (Temple Terrace Police Department report number 2015-02419). On September 4, 2015, allegations of Falsification of Official Documents, Conduct Unbecoming and Proficiency were sustained, and McComber was

terminated from the Temple Terrace Police Department on September 9, 2015. The Temple Terrace Police Department Internal Affairs investigation number is 2015-IA-001.

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